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My dear Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith, for the perusal of Government, a copy of the proceedings of a Meeting held under auspices of the All India Mysore District Congress Committee in connection with the observance of "The Independence Day" in the Subbarayanakere Maidan on Monday the 26th instant, received with S.B. report No.124/41-42 dated the 27th instant. Mr. S. Rangaramiah who purports to be the President of the Mysore District Congress Committee made a rabid speech couched in most intemperate language criticising the attitude of the British Government towards Indian aspirations and their handling of the Far Eastern situation. The Police have registered a case against him for offences under Rule 34 (6) (a), (e), (g) and (k) of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore. Mr. Rangaramiah was arrested yesterday at 5-45 P.M. and produced before the City Magistrate, Mysore, who has remanded him to the Mysore Jail till the 29th January 1942. To-day being a holiday, the Charge-sheet will be presented to the Court to-morrow.

Yours sincerely,

R Sreenivasa

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B,A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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S.B. 124/41-42.

SPECIAL REPORT.

SUBMITTED to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Mysore.

Subject:- Observance of 'Independence Day' in Mysore City.

In accordance with the programme announced on 25-1-1942 through printed handbills issued by the All India Mysore District Congress Committee, 'Independence Day' was observed in Mysore City on 26-1-1942.

By 8 A.M. Messrs. S.Rangaramiah, P.Seetharamiah, Agaram Rangiah, M.A.Doreswamy Iyengar, P.Gopalakrishna Setty, M.R. Channabasappa, B.Subbaraya Upadhaya, A.N.Suryanarayana Rao, B.Narayanaswamy Iyengar, A.Ramanna, A.Shivanna, Rama Rao and about 20 persons assembled in the Subbarayanakere Maidan.

At 8-20 A.M. after National song was sung by Mr.A.N. Suryanarayana Rao, Messrs.S.Rangaramiah and P.Seetharamiah simultaneously hoisted the Congress Flag and the Mysore Flag respectively in the Subbarayanakere Maidan and saluted them.

After the flag hoisting ceremony was over, Mr.S.Rangaramiah spoke thus:-

"Under the auspices of the All India Mysore District Congress Committee, we are observing the 'Independence Day'. According to the programme we have hoisted the flags. In the evening a public meeting will be held in this maidan. Many leaders will speak. Then the Independence Pledge will be taken. All of you are requested to attend the meeting along with your friends. I do not want to detain you long. All of you know the significance of the Congress Flag. To hoist this Flag, Mysore Congress had to sacrifice a good deal. In the end the Government made a compromise with the Congress and now we are hoisting the Congress and the Ganda-

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flags. There was a time when we thought that the Union Jack will protect us. That idea is receding to the back-ground The present situation of the world has given us this idea. On the other hand, it is time that we have to believe in the Congress tri-coloured flag for our protection. I request all of you to attend the public meeting in large numbers. With these words I close my speech."

From 6-45 P.M. to 8-30 P.M. a public meeting under the auspices of the All India Mysore District Congress Committee was held in the Subbarayanakere Maidan. Mr.S.Rangaramiah presided. A copy of the notes of the proceedings of the meeting taken down by Stenographer Mr.M.V.Sreenivasachar of the District Police Office, Mysore, is enclosed.

As the speech delivered by Mr.S.Rangaramiah at the meeting is highly objectionable clearly falling within the ambit of "prejudicial act" as defined in Rule 34(6)(a)(e)(g) and (k) of the Defence of India Rules, a case under Rule 38(1)(a) & (5) of the Defence of India Rules framed under Section 2 of the Defence of India Act (XXVI of 39) as applied to Mysore has been registered by the Police Inspector, B Division, on 26-1-1942 (Lakshmipuram Station Cr.No.49/41-42).

Further progress will be duly reported.

Mysore,
27-1-42.

Sd. A.Rangaswami Iyengar,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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A-Rangaswami Iyengar
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.

S.B.No. 52e/41-42

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of All India Mysore District Congress Committee in connection with the observance of the "Independence Day" in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on Monday the 26th January 1942 at 6-45 P.M. About 200 people consisting of local congressites, students, petty shop-keepers and persons of the locality attended the meeting. Mr. S.Rangaramiah, presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

Mr. B.Narayanaswamy, Pleader, Municipal Councillor and Secretary of the All Indian Mysore District Congress Committee, Mysore, spoke thus.-

According to the order of the K.P.C.C. we are this day observing the "Independence Day". Hand-bills have been distributed widely in this connection. As per announced programme, we performed the Flag hoisting ceremony in the morning. Now we are holding this public meeting. On your behalf I request Mr. S.Rangaramiah, President of the Mysore District Congress Committee, to preside over the meeting. He will now read out the Independence pledge. You are requested to take the pledge. (Then Mr. S.Rangaramiah read out the Independence Pledge slowly in Kannada and the audience repeated the same. All the people stood up and took the pledge.).

Mr. S.Rangaramiah, President, Mysore District Congress Committee, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

All of you have now taken the Independence pledge. Now the speeches will begin. This is a very significant day. All the people who are between the Himalayas and Kanyakumari are observing this "Independence Day". Since the All India National Congress met at Karachi, we are taking this pledge. Since 16 years this pledge is taken with a view to achieve independence and the struggle to establish independence is well known to you. First, Mr. P.Seetharamiah, Vice-President of the Municipal Council will speak.

Mr. P.Seetharamiah, Advocate, and Vice-President of the City Municipal Council, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

This day, we are observing the "Independence Day." In the morning, the Flags were hoisted. Now this meeting is held. As per orders of the K.P.C.C. we are observing this day. It

s a foolish thing to have asked me to speak first.There necessity to speak a good deal. I am introduced to the Vice-President of the Municipal Council. To speak ing the Municipality is not good. But we are citizens and as such we must know the powers of the Municipality.Now I will speak something regarding the Municipality. Last year, we took part in the Municipal Elections and all the 24 elected seats were captured by the Congress. Our opponents, though great people,were defeated. You elected the Congressmen with a view to give them a chance to serve the country They are prepared to work well in a team. But the representative of the Government, i.e., the President is placing many obstacles in the way. According to law, the Vice-President has to look after the work of the President, when he is on leave. According to bye-laws, some person other than the Vice-President may be employed to carry on the routine work of the office. This bye-law was introduced with the idea that there must be a person to look after the routine work if both the President and the Vice-President are absent. Though the Vice-President is prepared to do the work of the President when he is on deave, the work is not delegated to the Vice-president. But at the same time, the Health Officer is appointed to act in the absence of the President. Health Officer is only a servant of the Municipality; and he is appointed to look after the duties of the President. Sometime the Revenue officer is appointed to look after the duties of the President. This is a regretful affair that the Vice-President who is elected by the 24 elected members is not given any power at all. Mr. S.Channiah has told me to tell you these things in a detailed manner. After the taking the Independence pledge, I do not like to talk regarding the Municipal matters. If the powers or the Municipality is viewed from the point of view of rules, the powers are many. But in practice, the elected members have no power. The President and the nominated members can do anything. It is the duty of every Municipality to give the people good lighting, drain-

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drainage and other facilities. In the Municipality, there are 24 elected members and 7 nominated members. According to the rules, the Municipality is independent. It has much power. But in practice, the bye-laws have taken all the - power that is given by the Rules. The President will be always seeing some loop-holes in the Rules and thus to place some obstacles in our way. I will give you an instance. When the Congress President programmed to come here, we wanted to present him a civic address. When the Congress Municipal Party wanted to present him an address, the Municipal President tactfully saw that the resolution does not come before the Municipality itself. 10 elected members requested the Vice-President to hold a separate meeting. But facilities were not given to hold the meeting. On that day till 3-30 PM the hall in which the meeting was to be held was not opened. We decided to meet the charges for presenting the address. But the resolution could not be brought before the Municipal Council at all. Until there is a non-official President this state of affairs do not cease. The official President must go. This will be achieved soon after we get Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness. Then we will get the independence of the Municipality also. First of all, we will learn to crawl; then to walk and run. So also we must be able to carry on the Municipal administration and then to carry on the administration of the State. Then we must try to have complete independence. To achieve complete independence, we have this day taken the independence pledge. First of all all you must wear khadi. We are taking this pledge every year. But this is not the time for delivering speeches. We must try to bring our principles into practice in our daily life. Then only we will get Responsible Government sooner. When the Official President does not - respect the majority, then there is no use from the non-official majority. The Council will become slavish. All this, I have to show with much regret. If we are facing troubles like these in the Municipality, please imagine our troubles if we

if we want to establish Responsible Government, and then to work it out. There are laws and they are interpreted by the Officers in one way. That way will be one that is against the wishes of the people. What is the cure for all these troubles? Though the Municipality is independent if seen legally, yet it has not got much power as long as there is an official President. You must remember this and help us in our work.

Mr. T.S.Rajagopala Iyengar, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

There is much to speak. This day we are observing the "Independence Day". This is observed in the whole of India and in other places also. Even in England this - "Independence Day" is observed, by the Indians and our well-wishers. As Mr. P.Seethamariah said, we are taking this pledge since the Karachi Congress. Again in the Lahore Congress another resolution was passed to the effect that we have to fight for complete independence when Sjt.Pandit - Jawaharlal Nehru was the President. That is nearly 11 or 12 years ago. Every year we have been taking this pledge. There are many political parties in India and there is - difference of opinion between themselves. But there is no difference of opinion in getting the independence of India. The Muslim League says that it wants independence. The - liberals say that India must become independent. They want Dominion Status - a position that will be like Ireland, Africa or Australia. Ireland even to this day is neutral. Again the Union of South Africa wanted to be independent after becomigg a republic. The Premier of Australia has said that Britain must send supplies to Australia to protect her from the enemy attacks. Even in the Empire, many dominions are independent. In India, every political party wants complete independence. At present, a Great war is going on. There are two parties in it. America, England, Russia and China belong to one party. Germany, Italy and Japan belong to the other party. The Government of India declared that

that India was at War with Germany and Italy. Then the Indian leaders objected to that declaration since the opinion of the people of India was not taken into consideration. Then - Mahatmaji said that we must have freedom to express our own opinion regarding the Congress and then the Sathyagraha was started. Now, we have the Bardoli resolution of the Congress. As times change, we have to change our tactics. Mr. C.Rajagopalachari and others pressed for the amendment of the original resolution. The amendment was that Congresss was prepared to help Britain in War provided they fulfill certain conditions. The conditions are two as put down by the Congress. Firstly, there must be responsible Govetnment in the Provinces and the Centre. Secondly, they must announce the independence of India. Our leaders are saying often that they must make us free, when they are saying that they would give independence to those small countries ~~xhax~~ whose independence have been taken away by Hitler and Mussolini. Give us independence first, then we will join you in the War cheerfully. We do not want to help Hitler, Mussolini or the Japanese. Our support and sympathy are towards the Americans and the English. When they are saying that they would give independence to certain countries, let them first of all give us independence as an example to their sayings. The reply for our asking has not come. The right answer is yet to be received by us. We are expecting it. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and other gentlemen cabled to Mr. Churchill regarding this. Now, we are expecting a reply to the same. Let us pray God to give us what we want (Claps). Then we will all join Britain in the War joyfully and put an end to the enemies. We have now taken the Independence pledge. (Here the speaker read out some portions of the Independence pledge). When we ask them to give us independence, they put up many pretexts not to give it.They say that we are not united and educated etc. Please think for a while. When the western countries had no civilisation, India had a great civilisation. If you see History, you will know this fact. Even at about 55 B.C. we will see that Eng-

England was not at all civilised. It was full of forests. Then Normans, Danes and others came in and gave it a model of a civilised country. At that time our country was completely civilised. At the time of Ramayana and Mahabharatha and even at the time of the Vedas, i.e., about 9 or 10 centuries ago we were civilised. We had our own system of Government and other institutions. Even before the Aryans advent we had our own institutions. This is seen from the excavations of Harappa and Mohenjadaro. It is our riches and civilisation that attracted many foreigners, such as Md. Ghori, Md. Ghazni, Md. Tugalak. Many foreigners looted India 10 to 17 times. When they say that we are not fit for governing ourselves, it is without foundation, since it is seen from history that we had our own Government from time immemorial. What we want is independence. Once it is given, we will joyfully help the English to put down the enemies. Even in England and America there are many political parties who are asking the Government to give independence to India first, since they have said that they would give independence to small countries which have been swallowed by the enemies. If they do not give us independence, let us take it by independent and non-violent means. What is our work in this War. We have to help the distressed and the injured. Again we have to see that the people are not alarmed. Congress has passed a resolution to this effect. In short, we must take to constructive activities. In Mysore also, we do not leave our demand to establish Responsible Government. But we do not want to put the Government in a difficulty. Until the War is over, we do not press that claim. We must help India to become independent. We must try to establish Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness. All this we have to do in a non-violent manner. All of you have taken the Independence pledge. Now it is your duty to take part in future according to the pledge you have taken. That is only my request. (Claps)

Mr. T.Mariappa, Advocate, Mysore next spoke thus.-

I need not impress upon you the importance of the observance of the "Independence Day". Every one of you know it. Since the beginning of the British rule, our independence has gone and we became their slaves. Fortunately for us, our leaders are trying since a long time for the establishment of independence. Our work is taking different shapes according to times. After Mahatmaji came into Indian politics, a great turn came to the Indian affairs. He introduced the weapons of Truth and Non-violence into the struggle. The being Great War is being fought with the idea of giving independence to those small countries who have fallen victims to the enemies. Mr. Churchill went to America to talk to President Roosevelt. They concluded to give independence to the small countries whose independence is gone, since Hitler had those countries in his grip. They are of opinion that the Western people only are fit for independence. This is seen when Mr.Churchill said that the Atlantic Charter does not apply to India. Nobody will give us independence for the mere asking. We must be prepared to take it. We must increase our "soul force". Then we will get independence. Mr. C.Rajagopalachari has said that the British must first of all declare India free and then we will help Britain in the War. Mahatma Gandhi is an incaranation of God and he is preaching the non-violent way to the world. He wants to establish a new world order through his policy. He said that he could not lead the Congress when there is a great majority to help Britain if India is given independence. He said that he will give it suggestions now and then. All are expecting some announcement. For the present, Mr. Churchill has said that it is not possible for him to say anything. He will say something afterwards. Mr. C.Rajagopalachari and others are expecting something. They think that if the times become hard, they may announce the freedom of India. If we are given independence, surely we will help them. The leader of Australia has said that Britain must protect them and that she must give

give independence to India. We must know that they do not give us independence for the mere asking. For the matter of fact, we have our own Maharaja. He is ruling over us. Yet we have not got Responsible Government. Under the new reforms 2 non-official ministers are given, and it is said that the reforms are very good. Some people, that the reforms are good and they are satisfied with the reforms. It is natural that there will be such people in a slavish country. Since some get some posts, they do not want independence. In Mysore, do the Government know that the people or enthusiastic to - aid the A.R.P.programme? Surely we will not be enthusiastic if we are not made to understand that this is our country and that we must protect our life and property. Only some - officers and flatterers say that everything is good.The people have no enthusiasm. The two non-official Ministers have not got the support of the people. They have no place in the Representative - Assembly. In the Legislative Council, the nominated members only vote for the Government. Even they have voted for us in certain circumstances. Twice the Government got a defeat. Many people had given their support only if they had enthusiasm.They might have thought that when they go on tour, they are accorded welcome with pendals &c. and hence the people have been supporting them. There is nothing more foolish than that idea. In the last Sathyagraha 3,000 people courted imprisonment. Let ~~kkx~~ our ministers send 10 people to Jail. (Claps). The prices have risen high and it is very difficult for the people to make both ends meet. If patriotism increases, the people will surely help the Government. I will give you only example. In - Mysore, there is the A.R.P. Officer. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ When he says that he wants volunteers, who will go and embrace him.If the people are paid, then some people may go. Much responsibility must not be given to such officers who deny the civil liberties and who have lost the people's confidence. If the Government wants to get the support of the people, it must - make the people enthusiastic. If not, how will the people help? In another instance, the Municipal President said that

he had power and that he would exercise it. Is this the way to conduct himself? It is not good to say like that. This day, you have taken the Independence pledge. You must sincerely try to get independence. To observe this day in this Subbarayanakere, we have undergone many difficulties. We were not allowed to observe this day some years ago. The Police were stationed here and we were not allowed to enter. Lathi charge also was resorted to at that time. Now, we have taken the plege. Government also knows our work. It also knows that every one of us want independence. But nobedy enquires the difficulties of the people except in the month of February and that too to realise the revenue arrears. If the Government gives help to the people, such as educating them &c, the people themselves will run to the rescue of - Government. After we have lost our independence, we have become cowards. How can we become brave now? We cannot become brave all in a sudden. Some people told me that many workers of the Krishnarajendra Mills have already left the City on account of fear. And further many more people have left the City. No one must be afraid of anything. Such a distressed condition does not come to us. Even if it should come, why should we fear. Being human beings, we must die one day or other. We must try to remove the chaos. We must help ourselves and our neighbours. Every one must follow the programme of the Congress and the Government in this respect. We must be brave. Since we have to die sometime. let us die as brave people. We will get our independence when the people of British India get it. Further, every one of you must try to put an end to mal-propaganda. There is intolerable news in the villages and even in this City. There are many people who say that a tiger came in when only a jackal entered. The people in the villages are very much afraid of the present times. It is your duty to remove the fear of the people. Now, you have taken the Independence pledge. Before we taken - pledge another time, we must get independence. With these words, I close my speech.

Mr. S.Rangaramiah, President, Mysore District Congress Committee, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

It is already high time. Regarding the independence day my predecessors have told you. If the English people had gone away about 2 or 3 years ago, we would have given them a motor car. Now, they have to make themselves ready to quit this country. There is none to enquire them whether they are leaving the country. There is no one to talk a word of courtesy. The old sayings "Britannia rules the waves" and "The Sun never sets in the British Empire" are becoming false. Churchill Saheb had gone to America to request their help and friendship. But as Mr. C.Rajagopalachari said, he does not care for the request of the 40 crores of people of India. When we request them to give us independence, he smokes the cigar seeing this and that side. (Claps). When it is like this, do they retain the independence of India? Long ago, they had the influence of "Rahu" and hence they got this kingdom. Now they are put to great trouble. Malaya is gone. But now they are sticking to us like leeches. They are surrounding us like bees. (Claps). Now please see their position. They are 5,000 miles away. Here is nobody to stop the Japanese. The English had to leave Hong-kong on account of scarcity of water. Regarding the Philippines nothing has been done. They are requesting the help of the Americans. It is something like the villagers saying "Come brother-in-law, brother etc." when they are asked to do anything. They have done great injustice and the same is eating them up. Now they are reaping the fruits of their injustice. (చుంబి ద్దు ఠ్ఠోఁ చుండ రుంచు.). About a month ago there was an article in the "Hindu" in which it is stated that nearly 46 crores of rupees are taken away from our country. They say they are our trustees; but they have taken our money and are protecting themselves. At the same time we are without protection. Had this state of affairs befallen to Malaya if she was prepared to face the war? They have not got proper supply of ammunition and weapons or aero-

or aeroplanes. Nearly three-fourths of Malaya is gone. Sumatra and Java are the next countries to fall under the Japanese aggression. Australia is afraid also. India has a population of 40 crores of people. It is our aim to establish independence to India, since Britain and America are fighting for the establishment of democracy. It is saying that we will surely help them if we are given independence. Out of the 40 crores of population, about 20 crores may be women. The other 10 crores may be children and aged people. The remaining 10 crores of people will fight our enemies like "ఇరుకిలలు". But they are doing us injustice. Now they are reaping the fruits of the same. What has happened to the people of Malaya, may happen to us to-morrow. They gave a huge present of 10 lakhs of pounds to General Dyer who killed about 2000 innocent people who were listening to speeches. This day they are reaping the fruits of their injustice. Seeing this inhuman act, God cursed the British. As a result of this, they are losing island by island in the Philippines, which are 7000 in number. It would be very difficult even to find out whether the enemies have entered a particular island. Before they could find this out, many islands may fall into the hands of the enemies. The people of their country also have criticised them severely. Yet they do not believe us and give independence. During the last war, they said that they would give us something after the war; but after the war, they gave us the Rowlatt Act in return for our help. According to that Act, many great people like Motilal Nehru, Lalaji and others were sent to prison. How can we believe in their words? For the present, we have to stand upon our own legs. Saying that they are trustees, they have grown a comfortable stomach. We are taking the Independence pledge every year. Mahatmaji is telling us not to be afraid. More than all, we have yet some blood of our ancestors who established kingdoms. Thus we have some manliness in us. In this audience, there are many young boys and students. What

What have the Government done in connection with A.R.P? One Magistrate was sent to Bombay to learn the A.R.P. methods. After his return, he gave a demonstration before the Dewan and other high officers. After every one took his seat, he said that all of them must run away when he whistled. Accordingly all ran away when he whistled. Then he said that they knew it perfectly, since they ran away as soon as he whistled. They could run away in any emergency. Again he gave a demonstration in fire-quenching. He brought some zinc sheets, saw-dust and chaff. Then it was lit up. And somebody came then and quenched the same. (At this juncture the speaker gave mocking demonstration). (Laughter). This is what he has learnt. To learn this, should he go to Bombay? Our Mayanna would have done this. The Municipal President has a big Mysore City map. When the President asked: "Mr. Madhava Rao, what should we do if aeroplanes come from 'Vayuvya'"? He said "Dig a trench there". So saying he marked out the place in the map in red ink. Again the President asked: "What shall we do if the aeroplanes come from 'Agneya'"? Again he replied: "Dig a trench there also" and marked the place in red ink. In this way, the whole map of Mysore City is spoiled by marking red ink lines. What are these pits for? Are they meant for us to bury ourselves in? If the A.R.P. service has to serve the people, there must be educated people in it. If not nothing can be done. Even if there are educated people, they must have the idea of sacrifice. If not, they will whistle and go away. Already the scheme of Black out is being put into practice. If we read the account of the people of Malaya, blood comes out of our eyes. The bombs demolish everything. It seems that they destroy everything one furlong this side and one furlong that side of the place where they fall. Again they go 30 ft. deep and 30 ft. in breadth. The people are devoid of guns and ammunition. But if times like those come, nobody should fear. Fortunately we have Mahatmaji who is an incarnation of God. He is preaching us Truth, patience and non-violence. Please

Please follow them and be brave. It is your duty to encourage others and make them brave also. In times of danger, you must help yourselves and your neighbours. You must do your best to protect life and property. You must co-operate with the Government or the Congress in this respect. In some connection, as my friend said, the Municipal President said thus: "I have power; I will exercise it". Are they not words full of pride? If such words come from his mouth, he must be a mean person. If we get Swaraj we will nip off such officers. Their pride and tone of talk (ಧಿಮಾಕು) is such that the surgeon's knife only is needed and not a mere ointment. There are only 375 Policemen in this City. They cannot do beat duty successfully even in one Mohalla. In this connection, I must say that the conduct and work of the Police ~~Officers~~ Officers in Mysore City were very good except in one case in the Hamilton Building Sathyagraha. The Police and the A.R.P. Officers must visit every Mohalla and tell them some encouraging words at this time. Then the people will become brave. They will get rid of their fear. Independence and Responsible Government are required to make the people as well as the Maharajas free. What I request you is this. This is a very difficult time. The Government and the people must co-operate with each other. Especially the people in the villages are very much afraid. Even here there are such people. One well-educated person was saying that whether his deposit in such and such a bank would be safe. (Laughter). To make the people brave there is no use from talks and plans. Lectures are to be arranged everywhere. We are ready to co-operate with them. The officers must not work only for the sake of money, as many are doing now. Though it is very cold, you are still here. Why are you here? Since you want to listen to the words spoken to you by your leaders. When a member of the Representative Assembly went to the concerned officer, he did not talk to him politely. If he was not well-dressed and thin-built person, then he might have

might have been taken to be a beggar. But he was not so. Yet he was not talked to politely. Most probably he might be calculating his prospects according to the Civil list. But all his calculations are frustrated. What has happened to the prospects of the British may happen to him also. I do not want to show any kind of disrespect to any officer. When Responsible Government comes, the people will be better looked after and nobody will be shown any disrespect. As Mr. C. Rajagopalachari is saying it is time for the British to realise the situation. It is getting late. May I continue. (The audience asked him to continue). There are 4 States in Malaya. The rulers of the States, it is said, have agreed to be where they were. But now, nobody knows where they are. The British are retreating successfully. In a line they are going back. As my friend used to come for dinner exactly to the time wherever he was, so also these are retreating successfully. (Laughter). We do not know what happens after Singapore. It is not known whether he will pounce upon Australia or India. The people only must protect themselves. It is not the Union Jack or the bayonet that protects the Maharaja; but it is the people. It is the "Bada Bore Gowda" who should protect him. If we ask - Responsible Government, it is not given. No Indian State has Responsible Government. In Crete, our people have - fought well. They were asked to go forward. But we are not helped, though the enemy is entering India. All the protection has been taken by them. 32 lakhs of army is raised and they are fighting for them. But what do they say now regarding the Crete Island. Mr. Curtin is saying that the enemy has come to Borneo. He may come to Australia. He is asking Britain to help her with guns, ammunition and aeroplanes. But Mr. Churchill is saying thus: "Wait, Wait, we will see and then help you". In a Newspaper it is said that they cannot do anything if the people themselves could not drive out those short people. As Mr. C.Rajagopalachari has said, Mr. Churchill has no common-sense; but only knows

knows to smoke the Cigar. He does not care for our country at all. If there is God, he will surely see this injustice and give his decision. Long ago, a high British Officer said that he does not like to see the naked fakir, when Mahatamji wanted his interview. That sin is eating them. Do they get victory? Since they have done injustice to us, they will not win. They should not win. Till they give us independence, surely they should not win. (Claps). In the Hawaii Islands, the Naval Commander and 2 other officers were responsible for its fall. Hence they were dismissed from their posts and action will be taken upon them. The British have done us much injustice. They must now give us independence. Just as Durodhana did not listen to the words of Sri Krishna to give at least 5 villages to the Pandavas, they do not listen to any advice. India must be given independence. We do not know whether the Japanese want to come into India. We do not know whether our country is the next in their programme. Our State has come to prominence on account of War industries. Also many foreign soldiers have been stationed here. The Congress wants to protect our Maharaja. We are prepared to sacrifice our blood for his sake. We want to make him independent (Claps). We want to see him as an independent king during the next Dasara. We are not flatterers. Whether the Congress people or other people come to power, it does not matter if our Maharaja does not pay the subsidy every year. We cannot tolerate his paying the subsidy. The British do not want to give us anything. They take away everything from us. This day we have taken the Independence pledge. Every year we are taking this pledge. When we take this pledge next year, let us become their equals. Let us help them, if they give us independence. If not, we do not help them, even if they were to hang themselves (Laughter). As Mr. C. Rajagopalachari has said, they must first of all give us independence, then we will help them. When India becomes free, our Maharaja also will ~~xxxxx~~ become free (Claps).

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SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, District Police Office,
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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, and
District Magistrate, SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

Dated Shimoga, 31st January 1942.

Submitted.
Finance Minister & Dewan.
2.2.42

Dear Sir,

I write to state that a public meeting was, it is reported, held at Ramanna Setty Park, Shimoga Town on the night of the 22nd instant, with Mr. H.Siddiah(Congress President) as the President, under the auspicies of the Town Congress Committee, Shimoga and that Messrs:(1) H.C.Dasappa, (2) T. Siddalingaiah, (3) K.Chengalaraya Reddy, (4) K.T.Bhashyam and (5) H.Siddiah delivered speeches in that meeting. A copy of the proceedings of that meeting has been received from the District Superintendent of Police and is herein enclosed for the information of Government.

2. The District Superintendent of Police and myself scrutinised the several speeches. We found that Mr. H.C.Dasappa's speech and Mr. T. Siddalingaiah's speech are both objectionable and would each constitute a "prejudicial act" coming within the scope of Rule 34 Sub-Rule(6) of the Defence of India Rules(1939) as applied to Mysore. I have marked the objectionable portions in the copy of Mr. H.C.Dasappa's speech(Flag B) and of Mr. T.Siddalingaiah's speech(flag C). The "prejudicial act" in respect of Mr. H.C.Dasappa's speech comes under clauses (a), (e) and (k) of the said sub-rule (6), while that in respect of Mr. T.Siddalingaiah's speech comes under clauses (e) and (k). These two persons have thus committed each an offence punishable under Rule 38 sub-rule(5) of the said Rules.

3. Two prosecution reports, one against Mr. H.C.Dasappa and another against Mr. T.Siddalingaiah were accordingly drawn up to-day under my instructions and in consultation with the Public Prosecutor and were presented by the Shimoga Police Inspector, this evening, to the Court of the Special First Class Magistrate, Shimoga. The Magistrate has taken these two cases on file(the case against Mr. H.C.Dasappa being C.C.No.800/41-42 and that against Mr. T.Siddalingaiah being C.C.No.801/41-42) and posted them to the 7th February 1942 for hearing and issued non-bailable warrants of arrest against each of these two accused persons. Two Police Sub-Inspectors are deputed to execute these warrants arrest. The result of the cases will be duly intimated to Government.

Yours sincerely,
Navaneetham
31.1.42

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar , Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
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Mr.H.Siddiah then made the following short speech:-

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Mr.H.C.Dasappa of Mysore then made the following speech:-

Mr.President and ~~Gentlemen~~ Gentlemen,

To-day to stand and to speak before you about the presen[illegible]itical condition, Sriman H.Siddiah has given permission and it is my duty to fulfill the same. Before speaking about this, I would like to speak one or two words. As for myself, I should like to say that some sort of relationship has developed between myself and Shimoga. Even then, for the sake of political reasons, I have come to Shimoga on many occasions and not only that, our Government has given ~~us~~ me opportunities of coming and remaining here as their guests, and for their having more opportunities for us, I should be highly grateful to them and for having developed affinity between myself and the Shimoga Town People. Two years have elapsed since I left Shimoga. It was not even possible for me even to come to Azad Nagar's Convention and then Sriman Bhasyam Ayengar was elected President of that Convention. When I was in Shimoga Jail, the responsibility which I shared in congress activities was taken over by Mr.H.Siddiah. I regret very much to note the absence of my friend Prahallada Setty to-day, whose acquaintance I had in jail. His self-sacrifice is really creditable and his example and the patriotism he has shown is really a very good example for us to follow and if we follow his example, we are sure to please his soul. We want more men of action than of speeches at present. Flags will be hoisted but there are no flags upon our houses We speak so much about khadi and really there are very few people amongst us who actually wear khadi. I am glad that the Shimoga Khadi [illegible] is working very well and I can say it has occupied a very prominent place in the whole of Karnataka. If we do that, I am sure we will be rendering a great service to the country. The hopes and aspirations of the 73 lakhs of people in Mysore State to-day lie entirley in the hands of Mr.H.Siddiah and to-day even villagers believe Gandhi cap-Walas. Government people have taken sannads from ~~him~~ him(referring to Bhasyam) to enable him to do his work and not to be selfish and I say they have done indeed a very great service to ~~them~~. Even coolies have got more love for him and Government could not keep him in jail at Bangalore, on the occasion of the Binny Mill Workers' Agitation, for more than seven days. Sriman K. Chengalrayareddy is a leader of the Congress party in the Assembly and the Legislative Council to-day. I say that Chengalrayareddy is just like Churchill of England for us here but unluckily Mysore is not England but such is the condition now. Is there no eye of God upon the Britishers who are riding our Government? The Britishers are proud people. Such people are asking to-day the Chinese people for help in the present war and are to-day asking the Indians and Malayans for help. Is it proper upon them to bestow all unexpected praises upon the Indians now? [illegible]

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Russians that they were friends of Germans, but now, since they are enemies of Germans, they are praising them. This shows that they are not followwrs of any definite principle, but only time-servers. Take for example, the Churchill-Roosevelt Agreement and the Atlantic Charter. When Churchill was questioned whether it referred to India, he replied that it did not refer to India. Even now, in Bardoli we said we do not want Dictatorship but we want democracy. We say that Democracies like England, France and other Countries are fighting for the sake of Democracy, we really appreciate that idea and we want to help you. But, it is regrettable they are not yet caring for us. I hope they will open their eyes when Japan enters our doors. What we say we have got the ability to administer ourselves. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi have today said that they wont remain as slaves hereafter to the Britishers but only will remain as their friends. Again, we say that even our Highness should not remain under the control of the Britishers and our people should see that our Highness should not be under the control of the Britishers any longer and that is today's principle. Mysore Flag must not fly with Union Jack but must fly with the Congress flag. The aim of Mysore Congress to-day is the establishment of Responsible Government. It is our main aim. We are doing our level best to-day to get that Responsible Government. In the Holenarsipur Session of the A.M.C.C. we said that under the present circumstances we will keep quiet and keep aside all our demands at present in view of the present grave international situation. But what we say is that in view of the present troubled conditions, the responsibility of defence and finance of British Government in the present war be completely entrusted to us by them even now. In the Holenarsipur Session, we requested the Government to rectify all our grievances and give us our birthright, namely, freedom of speech, etc They must take all the prohibitory orders put by them so far. We do not want Responsible Government at present. Take for example, the prohibitory order passed upon Mr.H.Siddiah. Where there is this unjust order.(referring to the order passed by Mysore Dist.Magistrate upon Mr.H.Siddiah when he had programmed to enter Mysore to accept certain address at Mysore). Take for example, Bhadravathi. If any of us go to Bhadravathi, they say there will be disturbance of public peace and tranquillity. Look at the falsehood and injustice which constitute the very foundation of the present Governme

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another and they are doing a lot of injustice to us. One reason they

Mr.K.T.Bheyem of Bangalore then made the following speech:-

Now, there is a cry in the country whether the British Government will remain in our country and in the way our Government also is saying sarcasm saying that they have introduced a sort of A.R.P.organisation in the country But I should say, by increasing A.R.P., they have all the more created more fear in the minds of the people. Now the Government say there is A.R.P What is the use? But I should like to say that if the same had come out from the mouths of persons who sit there as ministers on the form of the peopoe, we could have believed what they said. Otherwise, people will have no belief and there will be no peace and happiness in the country. Even to-day, it is regrettable to our Ministers are xxxxxxx simply looking at the cries of people with indifference and are not caring for the people. They are not caring for the Congress and are simply looking down upon the Congress. If peopoe is to be established here, people should get the love of the people and such persons must sit there as ministers. Formerly, it was said that Britain rules the wadpe but now it is acknowledged on all hands that Britain's wairs the rules. Now they say India must be protected by Indians themselves. Previously, they did not say like this. If they had given facilities for India with arms and ammunition and had trained us well, xxxxxx would Japan have raided Ind at xxx Japan would never have come to the doore of India. Was it not impossible for us to say that Xxx Aeroplanes do not come to our country. When there were so many brave people in our country, now, if they say, you must protect yourselves, is it not intriguing

how we must have control over the prices of foodstuffs and we must protect ourselves. We must take the Government into our own hands. Then only, there is salvation for us. The Government must call the Congress leaders and entrust the Government to them. I say this because the people have deep faith in the Congress. Of course, there may be polices What guarantee there is that the Police will be there in view of the critical situation at present. Now in the present situation everybody must use his strength. We must use all our vigour. We must protect our country or realves. Now, there is no hope that Government will protect us. Now we must get Government into our hands. That is the only solution. We must combine that Government and those people who have got the love of the people must work and sit there in the Council as ministers. They must sit there xxxxxxxxx ministers and they must establish

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Adults must give suggestions to youths to follow these suggestions and such organisations should prevail in the nook and corner of this vast country. We must have their love. Such is the present situation now. We must have all these things and we must work up like that. Freedom of trade and freedom of Industry etc will be obtained if people conduct the Government themselves. We may obtain the support and sympathy of the Government in this connection and then we may take all possible steps in the direction of safeguarding our interests as defence etc. In this Congress people must join and devise ways and means of saving our people, in view of the present international situation. Under the present state of affairs, it is not proper upon our part to press for Responsible Government, because as per the previous treaty rules our Highness must help the Britishers in their efforts and our Highness will be put to much difficulty if we press for Responsible Government now. What I say is let the ministers who sit there must be ministers who go there accorcing to the wishes of the people. We can follow the advice of those ministers then. We formed a resolution to this effect in Holenarsipur. Some people seem to have misunderstood this and are saying that we are not working for Responsible Government. If it were so, would we have taken part in the previous Satyagraha activities? Now, the two ministers there have not earned the love of the people. Government cannot prosper if they do not earn the love of the people. If injustice were to crop up in the country, you must say that that injustice is removed. Take for example Japan. It fell upon Manchuria. Then England was keeping quiet. Italy fell on Abisinia. Then also they kept quiet, saying that it does not affect their interests. Afterwards, when Hitler took away the Rhineland, then also, they kept quiet. Now, you find, a lot of injdustice taking place because they allowed one injustice after another to develop with the result they are themselves put to a lot of trouble. Now, Hitler is saying to England: I will take you also. Therefore, if injustice is developed, those who develop injustice will be ruined. Those days of slavery and subjugation have all gone. We must now take courage. We must think that the country is ours and think that we have got the courage to protect ourselves. For this, all of us must be united. For this, you must all join the congress organisation which stands for the sake of the people in the country. Now, at present in view of the present conditions, the handloom industry is suffering. It is because the handloom weavers cannot purchase yarn, the price of which has increased doubly owing to the present international situation. This is the best time for us. You must all wear khadi and I should say you will be forced to wear Khadi. You must enroll yourselves as Congress members and must organise committees In Madras for example, there are Civic Guards for every street. In the same way, you must also try to have Civic Guard Committees here. In England, the Great Plage broke sometime before and many people died. The result was many huts went away and many beatiful houses were constructed. In this way, even the war, the burden of earth will be lessened. This is in our own interest. Proud people's pride is going away and we will certainly get our independence. On account of this, we got a sort of contempt for the foreigner that he too is something like us. Just as Krishna said to Arjuna do not be defeated and fear because they are already defeated in mind, you need not be afraid, because they (referring to the Britishers) have already been afraid in mind and have been defeated in mind. Churchill says: We will perish rather than be conquered by the sword. Does the same rule not apply to India as well? Is it the bounden duty of India to remain the slaves of the Britishers always? Have we not got the same love for our country as they have love for their country. The man is dying. He is not willing to give away his key (referring to the Britishers). Even in the matter of clothes, they have done injustice by seeing that we do not use our own clothes. Yet, they are saying that they wont give independence to us. Again, take for example, the salt tax. They had forced us to purchase their salt. Even now, if they believe us, everything will be alright. We will never perish because our organisation is established on Dharma. Everything is good for the good now. Take for example, the coolie. He has to live out of the two or three annas he has to earn. Now, the saints will be perished by the swords they have hold. This is true even according to their philosophy. They say: They who takes the sword shall be perished by the sword, but blessed are the meek that shall inherit the earth. From this point of view, I can say that peaceful atmosphere will prevail after the War. Now, it is the time of Responsible Government coming to us.

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My dear Sir,

In sending herewith, for the information of Government, copy of Mysore District Police Superintendent's report No.S.B.140/41-42 of the 5th instant regarding the Congress meeting held in the Subbarayanakere Maidan on the 4th instant in connection with the arreats of Messrs. H.C.Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah, I write to state that Mr.K.S.Kumaran, Externee, Bangalore is being prosecuted under the Defence of India Rules.

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Yours sincerely,

K S Kumaran

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Rajasevaprasakta
B.T.Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
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S.B. /40/41-42.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore Congress Progressive Party, Mysore, in connection with the arrests of Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah, in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on Wednesday the 4th February 1942 at 7 P.M. About 150 persons, mostly boys playing in the Maidan, attended the meeting. Mr.M.N.Jois, ~~President~~ the of the Progress Party, Mysore, presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

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Mr.K.S.KUMARAN, Externee, Bangalore, spoke thus:-

The peaceful atmosphere which was prevailing so far is being disturbed by the Government by their own activities. In the same Subbarayanakere Maidan, when the 'Independence Day' was observed, our friend ~~Mxx~~ and leader Mr.S.Rangaramiah delivered a speech for which he was arrested and action is being taken in the Court. They wanted to show that they are still doing some 'galata' and so they arrested Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah, ex-Presidents of the Mysore Congress, at Bangalore, under the Defence of India Act. Now they are kept in Shimoga Jail and on the 7th they will put up a case. They may put up the case. It is a different matter. I only place this much before you, namely, that the Government ~~itself~~ themselves are racking the situation. The three leaders who are the lovers of peace have been arrested. This has incited the people to some extent. Hence we have arranged this public meeting. For every meeting there should be a President. For that, Mr.M.N.Jois, the Chief Whip of the Congress Party in the Assembly, has been elected to be the President. I request him to preside over this meeting. With his permission I want to speak a few words. You all know that the situation is getting from bad to worse. The Great War is approaching India, and things are such that there is a fear that it may spread to India also. When there is the fact that it may lay hands upon our houses and families, we must get prepared to fight against them and maintain safety. When we read about the bombing of Singapore and other things in the Papers, we discuss the matter among ourselves and keep quiet. Malaya is being

being attacked by the Japanese. Rangoon is being bombed. Calcutta, the big City, is nearly 600 miles to Rangoon; but we have not the mind to have our own army to drive out that enemy. To-day the 40 crores of people of India have no right to call this country as ours. When we realise that our country is not ours, who will be prepared to come forward to protect the country? When we learn that the thief is coming to our house, we will prepare to drive him out; because we realise that it is our house and he will harm us. But since we have not realised that it is our country, we have no attitude of driving out the enemy. It is our intention to drive him out. Actually, we know that we have no right to call this country as ours. The reason for remaining in this condition, though we are 40 crores in number, and though we are second to China in population, and are equal in riches to any other country in the world, is this itself. We are struggling under a foreign domination. Though India is a big country it is being ruled by people who are living 7000 miles away. If we consider how they occupied our country, we will know the truth. The English came to India for business. Since our people are very sympathetic and Dharmic, they allowed them to carry on trade in our country Gradually they made our own people fight with each other and thereby got power between the two, and they sapped our blood and now we are like the skeleton figure in the Hygiene book. The culture and civilization which we had are sapped and they have threshed us like sugarcane. This reflects on our mind that how cowardish we are. So long as they live in our country we will not get enough food to eat, enough cloth to wear and a place to live in. Realising this fact, some of the people joined together to consider the situation and do the needful act. That organization is called the Congress'. I need not tell you the principles of this organization because you know all the troubles it has gone through. The situation outside to-day is so better

better than the condition in the jails. Those who have suffered imprisonment have informed you about this. To-day we are not independent. We have to sit if they order us to sit. We have to stand if they ask us to stand. This is a big jail. We are living like prisoners. We have to make ourselves independent from them. As people are in other countries, we must also live. The Congress people have suffered a great deal which is indescribable. Many have lost their houses and property. More than this, they have sacrificed their lives. Even to-day many youngmen are detenues in the jail and are rotting. If we consider all these, we realise that we also should fight like them. Bharathamatha is feeling for us and is telling that the British have tied her hands and legs from 150 years and have kept us in a condition worse than coolies and she cannot see our position. She has sacrificed many of her children for the sake of her liberation. Many have lost their lives. Many have suffered injuries due to lathie blows. In this way she is feeling for us. She says: "In Amritsar, my children have received blows and many were bombed from above by aeroplanes and shot from machine guns below." She is also telling that"there are some bad sons to me. They are asking for the division in the country. They want Pakisthan." But we are giving her confidence that we will drive out the outsiders whoever they may be and we will raise our flag. (Claps). Whatever may be the situation we do not fear. When the 40 crores of people proceed forward singing the Marching Song, no Government or Nation can stand against them. You may have to face many difficulties which other ffiends have suffered. After all we may have to lose our lives. Our Mother's heart is coming out seeing our troubles. As the Congress lays down the policy, you must follow accordingly. The British are also entangled in the War which has spread all over the world. This was commenced for the sake of putting down the poor and to sap

their blood. On account of the capitalists wars usually commence. In the same way, Germany, Britain, America, France, Japan fight against the poor on account of their wealth. Because they have wealth they will ask the poor to join the army to fight their enemy. Like this, the war has commenced. Because we have no other way and because we get Rs.15/- we join the ~~waxx~~ the army. That has become the situation of the poor. Though he knows that he will lose his life he goes to war because the prices of commodities have risen up and he cannot maintain his life. The most valuable thing in the world is life. It has become a very cheap article. In the present world situation the lives of individuals have become even less valuable than Rs.10/- In this great war, surely this difference will go way. In the new order there will not be any difference. of rich or poor, able or disabled, educated or uneducated. Every one must be equal. Every country must be helpful to the other. Then only there will be peace and till then there will not be peace. This idea has taken birth in the people. Those who are above will die and there will be equality in the world. Only such a country will exist. In Such a ~~Swaxga~~ Heaven-(I have no belief in ~~it~~) - ~~in which~~ where there will not be difficulty, ~~in which~~ where we will be equals like brothers and sisters, there will be peace. We will enjoy happiness in such a world. For the sake of that peace and happiness, we must drive the foreigners. For such freedom Congress is fighting. I hope you will follow their words. The British Government is telling that enemy has come near and we should help them. They are proclaiming this everywhere. But we cannot understand this. We are asking them to tell us who is the friend and who is the enemy. If Japan is our ~~ex~~ enemy we should drive them out. But they are as much enemies to us as Japan. Those who say that we are equals we can consider them as friends. We

We requested them to give us freedom and that they should not throw out our demands. Many were waiting for the announcement from Mr.Churchill. But those who were waiting for his pronouncement were disappointed. Ordinarily, the British Imperialism,which wants to be fattened at the risk of the poor people, will never grant us freedom. They must leave our country. Only then we get freedom. If they leave India where can they get wealth? But we will fight and get freedom. Such brave people we are. We will once again promise our Mother Bharathamatha and proceed forward to establish freedom. (Claps). We are telling the British that they are also our enemy. Till we get freedom they are our enemy and afterwards we can help them. Till then we cannot help anybody. The Government are doing the A.R.P.propganda telling that if there should be air raids you should be prepared to bear them. Even when the enemy is very near, we are indifferent about our protection, becaus we have the idea in us that the country is not ours. When we are made to realise that this is our country we will tell the Japan: "You short people! Get away from our country." Then we will drive them away. This can be done only when there is freedom for us. All the 40 crores of people will march to drive the enemy. Neither Germany nor Japan can face us then. We get this outlook and aspiration only when we become independent. Till then we cannot do anything. This is what has been said in the A.I.C.C. at Bardoli. They have announced that only when India is declared as independent that they will join the war. We are telling that if we are free, we can even assure the whole world. Such a big country is ours. We can assure peace to the whole world, not only to America or Britain. If we and the Chinese join together - when we will be more than half the population of the world in number - we can meet the any situation. Then we can surely establish peace. This has

has been said by the Congress. People are telling: "What is the use of your instructions. You say that we should dig pits and take protection. But when we do not feel independent what can we do?" If we say this we are arrested under the Defence of India Act . They say that to protect India they are arresting us. This is really foolish of the Government. Even boys in the first and second primary classes will laugh at it./ If the Government, which rules over the country, maintains such an idea what can we say to them? There is a feeling in the people that "let them do anything, either A.R.P. or B.R.P. or some P.P. Let us not mind it. But let us form our/own organization. " At the time of bombing, there may be some rowdies. The Police cannot do as much work as the Congress can. The Congress can preach to the people to be peaceful and help them. Even Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is telling that we should defend the country to ourselves,and that Government cannot do it. We are reading the speeches of Jawaharlal Nehru every day. Mr.C.Rajagopalachari is carrying on propaganda in South India. We are reading those speeches and informing the people here. But they arrest us on the ground that we are telling these things. Mr.C.Rajagopalachari and Jawaharlal Nehru are telling the samething but the Government is keeping quiet. This shows that our Government is not acquainted with those things. Probably they do not read papers. Why should they not read some papers? Let them glance through the papers. These spakers have expressed the same as Jawaharlal Nehru or C.Rajagopalachari. These peoeple are not independent of the British. When they have not arrested those leaders, why should our Government arrest the speakers here? If the Government consider that they have no money to purchase a paper worth 0-0-9 or 0-1-0, let them read the papers purchased by others/ like the school students who make use of the reading rooms. But those who rule the

the country have no idea of reading newspapers. Hence I want to say that let them read the papers and use their intelligence also. Because they are arresting those who are advising the people, there has been disturbance to the peace. For this the Government themselves are responsible. Hence it becomes difficult for us to protect ourselves. They are themselves bringing obstacles to the war efforts. Hence action should be taken against the Law Minister and the Government. They must be brought before the Court. At a time when the enemy is nearing the country, they are creating differences of opinion among us and giving trouble to the people and inciting them. This is really unwise. I do not want to speak more because the President also has to speak. I will only speak one word. Even if the war comes near, Congress is prepared to help the Government. We learn that Singapore is being bombed. We will know the truth in the newspapers. In my opinion there is no fear of the enemy now. But whatever it may be there is no occasion for us to be afraid. We need not leave the city because if there are bombs they will affect cities as much as the villages. Hence let us be brave and peaceful. If we are prepared to face anything we need not fear. But our freedom is also important. Whatever the Congress says let us follow, and establish Swaraj. Whatever difficulties may come for this, let us join together in unity and win Swaraj and bring peace to the world. India has taken birth not for death but for a glorious life, to establish peace in the world. As the Banyan tree gives shelter to many, so also India has stood up withstanding many storms. Let us extend our hand of assurance not only to America and Britain, but to the whole world. If they are not intelligent let them learn lessons from us. If they have no civilization let them learn from us. To the whole world let us bring peace. As soon as the war is over, India and China

will get the leadership and will establish peace. China is suffering. So also let us suffer. Many millions of children have died in China. Many students have died. What machinery and aeroplane have they to face the enemy? They may be better than India. But it has withstood the onslaught of Japan for the last 7 years. She has the confidence of driving out the enemy. In the same way Germany is boasting that she can put down all the Nations in the world with her enormous supply of machine-guns and aeroplanes. We had thought in the beginning that she would win. But when Russia took the lead we came to know the real worth of Germany. The Germans, who were once afraid of by other Nations, are to-day receiving severe defeats. Russia is driving the enemy because every person in Russia is inspired to fight the enemy for the sake of maintaining independence. When we also get that inspiration in us we will also be able to win the enemy. Freedom is very near. If we are disciplined and peaceful we can get it. We will be the leaders of peace and freedom. With these words I close my speech. Now I call upon Mr.M.N.Jois to speak. (Claps).

Mr.M.N.Jois, Congress Worker, Mysore, and Chief Whip of the Congress Party in the Representative Assembly, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

Before making the speech to-day it is my first duty to clear some doubts that may have arisen in the minds of the people here. Usually if there are such meetings, not only myself and Mr.K.S.Kumaran but also many other Congressmen used to sit here and there used to be many Congress caps. Representative Assembly members used to be present here. But to-day you are not seeing them. This has given room for a great doubt. Because persons who used to be present on other days if they absent to-day it is natural that doubts arise. The reason is only this. To-day there is a Municipal Meeting and some of them are there. Secondly, there is a meeting at Bannur to which many have gone. But you may ask me why we have assembled here as a separate body when they

they are not present here. Probably the people of Mysore might be aware that on account of some circumstances a new party by name 'The Radical Party' had taken birth in Mysore sometime back. On the question of hoisting of Flags there arose some difference of opinion in the Congress and hence a new party had been formed then. Hoisting of flag had been prohibited in this maidan. Many violated the ban and went to jail. Now also on account of some difference of opinion in the Congress with regard to the policy of the Congress a new party had to be formed. It is common in every organization. Some may like one policy and some others may like a different policy. Now there are two parties in the Congress, namely, the official Congress Party and the Congress Progressive Party. Both are Congress people. Both are in the Congress. The temple of both is the temple of freedom. As the different Vedas have differences in Karma so also in the worship of the deity of freedom if we follow different paths we may be able to reach the goal earlier and so far there was no need for this party to come into existence. We gave our opinion in the A.M.C.C. to which we had been as delegates. In the Holenarsipur Session some of us opposed the official resolution. Since some others got 3 votes more than us it was passed. You might have read these things in the papers and known them. 'Congress is an organization of the people. We may have our private work and may not be able to take part in its activities. On account of our work the organization cannot stop. It has to move on. If it has earned any respect or position individuals like me are not responsible for it. Individuals may have their own work or troubles. But the organization should go on. That is the opinion of the Progressive Party. On Sunday night at 9-15 P.M. arrests of Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah took place at Bangalore. "ಹಿಂದು we wanted to hold the meeting now alone. The Congress party

has not arranged the meeting so far even though the arrests took place long back. But we did not want to postpone the work which has to be done at the proper time. In this connection I remember a story. There was a British Officer under whom an Indian served. When his subordinate applied for leave on account of his father's ceremony, the British Officer remarked as to why he should not hold the same on Sunday. Similarly the Congress people wanted to postpone the meeting but we wanted to hold it at the proper time. It is already many days since the City Magistrate passed orders under section 45 of the Mysore Police Act. This is already known to the people. This information was broadcasted through Akash-vani on the very day of the passing of the order. Yet the Congress has not expressed its opinion in the matter. Hence we wanted to call upon a meeting. I do not speak about the international situation. Mr.K.S.Kumaran has clearly spoken about it. The three things to be considered are:the Mysore Government, the Mysore Congress and the present situation. On the day of the arrest of Mr.Rangaramiah I had my own opinion in the matter. But to-day's arrests of Messrs. H.C.Dasappa and Siddalingiah give me a different idea of the matter. The Government has to do sufficient propaganda regarding the A.R.P.Measures. They should have asked the Congress people to inform them to the people through their meetings. Probably they have felt ashamed to ask the Congress to give sufficient publicity. Hence they must have thought that if they arrest persons like this, people will gather in more and more numbers so that there will be an easy publicity. In my opinion this must have been their idea in arresting them. (Claps) If this is not so. these people, who are ruling a State,which has lakhs of ruppes income, would not have done a thing which can be seen as unjust by even the 4 anna labourers. My opinion is only this. Persons who have won the love of the people should take the lead.

Persons who think that they can rule the world by force and power cannot do so any longer. Such days are gone. As Mr.Churchill said in the Parliament, the 'British morale' is at a very high level to-day. We have to learn a lesson from Mr.Churchill and the British Islanders. Our administrators should remember this for a moment. What is the speech made by Mr.Dasappa and Mr.Siddalingiah? If they have spoken a few words which may be construed to fall within the Section what has happened? In that case, they could have invited them and discussed the matter with them. They could have pointed out to them that they have spoken against tneir own resolution passed at Holenarsipur and what explanation they are going to give for it. If they had not offered a satisfactory explanation they could have proceeded with the matter. Then they might have got some respect. But they have not done so. It is very shameful to us. My request is only this. If we are to be proud of having been born as Mysoreans and if the name of 'Model Mysore' has to be justified, our actions should be such that they deserve those compliments. Some days back we read in the newspapers that our Maharaja contributed Rs.6¼ lakhs to the war. If we compare this amount with the daily expenditure to war the war, it is not sufficient even for 3 minutes. But my request to the Government is only tnis. It is not enough if they have given Rs.6¼ lakhs. The thing that is required is the change in their policy. Let them extend their hands to the Congress. A critical time has come to the country. People are in danger. Let us sit together and work together. Then the credit our Maharaja as earned by contributing Rs.6¼ lakhs will still be enhanced. With it we can add 6¼ lakhs of people also for the war. The Congress people will stand prepared for the occasion. (Claps). Regarding the measures to be taken during the time of emergency they have been giving some suggestions. But,as things are, we do not know what the present condition is. We need not know it also. But supposing such a time comes what should we

we do. But I do not give any suggestion from this place. We have got to prepare ourselves in whatever manner we can. The action of the Government in arresting Messrs.Rangaramiah, H.C.Dasappa and Siddalingiah is repeatedly wrong. They have not spoken about any anti-war measures. They were only working to help them in their war efforts. We are hearing about the Civic Guards and other Guards. Similarly we have to raise Volunteer Groups in the names of Messrs.Rangaramiah, Dasappa and Siddalingiah. Then probably the Government will realise our real motive. When we take such measures you must support us. Then we can show to the Government that what they have done now is one that lacks foresight. Then we will be able to point out to them that they have done wrong. We will be really sympathising with those who are suffering for us. We have to organize Volunteer Corps and then the Government will be pleased with us. The difficulties that our leaders are undergoing now in the jail will not go unrewarded. They will be happy to learn that we are doing a real service to the War efforts. Within a week we may begin our work. Then you must help the organization according to your ability. (Claps). Secondly about the order of the City Magistrate. My opinion is only this much. This order first took birth in Bangalore. On account of the same order Mr.Siddalingiah was once arrested. At the time when the political activities commenced in the State this order was passed. The Magistrate has given this order probably after hearing these Congress speeches. When there was no such mamool order before why should they issue it now? Supposing there is a football match and a certain player plays very well and also puts a goal against the opposite party. People may like to take that player in a procession to show their appreciation of his fine play. In that case, you cannot do so unless you have obtained permission from the City Magistrate previously. Even before the game is played, you should have dreamed that he would play so and so

and that you would take him in a procession. The Magistrate has thought that Mr.Siddiah would be taken in a Procession and that there would be some danger to the safety of the public and hence he has issued this order. This is a mere guess. It has no ground. Mr.Siddiah would have visited this place and proceeded further to carry on his propaganda tour. There is a feeling in the public that there is no sufficient support to the Congress or that people have shirked giving their support. The Goverment should not have done this and given room for this opinion. Even now it is better for them to take back this order if they have not done under the consultation of the Government. It is already late and I do not speak more. Now Mr.K.S.Kumaran will place two resolutions which,I hope, you will support. Then the meeting will conclude. (Claps).

Mr.K.S.KUMARAN read the following resolutions:-

(1) This meeting is of the opinion that, from the point of view of the international situation, the arrests of Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah at Bangalore on the night of 1-2-42 are not in the interests of the country and accordingly condemns the same.

(2) This meeting condemns the passing of the 45 Section by the City Magistrate, Mysore, regulating the Processions in the City by the issue of licenses.

These resolutions were passed by those present. (The speaker announced the holding of the meeting by the Congress Committee on 5-2-42 and requested the gathering to attend the same.)

The meeting concluded at 8-10 P.M. with cries of jais. The speeches were impressive.

Sd. M.S.Sitaramiah,
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MYSORE,

Dated 8th February 1942.

MR. K. SUBBA RAO, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

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My dear Sir,

I send herewith, for the information of Government, copies of the marginally noted S.B. reports received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore.

1. S.B.No.141/41-42 dated 6-2-1942 regarding the proceedings of the meeting held in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on the 5th instant in connection with the arrests of Messrs.H.C. Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah.

2. S.B.No.140/41-42 dated 7-2-1942 regarding the case, under Rule 38(1) (a) and (5) of the Defence of India Rules framed under Section 2 of the Defence of India Act(XXVI of 39) as applied to Mysore, launched against Mr.K.S.Kumaran.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- for Secretary
Law Department 9/2

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To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

S.B. 141/41-42.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore City Congress Committee in connection with the arrests of Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah, in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on Thursday the 5th February 1942 at 7-10 P.M. About 300 persons attended the meeting. Mr.S.Channiah, President of the City Congress Committee, Mysore presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

Mr.B.Narayanaswamy, Secretary of the City Congress Committee, and Municipal Councillor, Mysore, spoke thus:-

We regret to inform you that we have to hold one more condemnation meeting to-day. On the other day, we had held a meeting condemning the arrest of Mr.Rangaramiah. It is our object that we should lessen such kind of meetings. There is an English proverb that 'Man proposes; God disposes" In this way things are happening. The authorities themselves are giving scope for these things. The reason is very clear. On the 1st of this month Mr.Siddiah (The speaker said 'Siddiah' for 'Siddalingiah' and people began to laugh. Then he corrected himself.) I am sorry to have said 'Siddiah' Let not God bring such an affair. To-day Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah have been arrested and detained in Shimoga Jail. If arrests continue like this, condemnation meetings may cease and people may not be here to hold such meetings. The place may become empty. To condemn the action of the Government we have arranged this meeting. I request Mr.S. Channiah to preside over this meeting. (Claps).

Mr.S.Channiah, President of the City Congress Committee, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

I never thought that one more condemnation meeting will be held here. But the Government have forced us to hold this meeting. On the 1st, Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah have been arrested under the Defence of India Rules and a case will be put up on the 7th inst. The people of Mysore and ourselves had hoped that the Government would change their policy. Previously they have done things either knowingly or unknowingly. When they are doing such things

even after knowing the consequences of their acts, I have to say with regret that they have not realised the strength of the Congress. In fact, they know the strength of the Congress. They have tried very much to lessen the strength of the Congress. But the people have shown their support again and again. Knowing this if they do like this, it is really to be condemned. As Mr.Veeranna Gowda said the other day, these things are due to the absence of our own Government. If you had sent your own Ministers such things would not have happened. It is due to the irresponsible Government that such things are going on. They think that there are no better persons than themselves. Unless they leave this attitude people will not be happy. When they are doing the A.R.P. measures if they had taken the co-operation of the Congress they would have done their work better. Due to the threat and fear of the Officers people may not do everything. Even if they do they will not do with their full heart. Because they have not earned the love of the people. Knowing this, they are doing the samething. The only remedy is the establishment of Responsible Government. The sooner it comes the earlier such things will cease. I had said the other day that the Government would realise their folly. Now we have to show our strength to the Government. You must give your support to the Congress. In 1938 only 3 persons were arrested as they did in the present case. Then the number went up to 30. Again it went up to 300 and finally ended in 3000. Is this not enough to the Government? If, tomorrow, there is an opportunity, even more number of people are prepared to go to jail. The reason for setting aside the demand for Responsible Government is the present war. Our Maharaja is under the British Government. He is bound himself with certain agreements. Hence we do not want to bring any obstacle in the war measures. Let them do as they have to do. But let us do our work. We had sought the interview of the Dewan for a hormonious relation between the two.

The interview is not complete. Our leaders are also considering and the Government is also considering. In the meanwhile if they do this, what shall we say about their ~~xxxxxx~~ intention? I definitely conclude that they are determined to give a challenge. Due to war we have ~~xxx xx kxpp~~ ~~xxxxx~~. kept quiet. If the Government think that we have lost our strength they are foolish. In the last bye-election we have shown our strength. If they arrest like this, it reveals that they have not realised how much they are inciting the people. Many villagers have expressed to me that they do not want this Government. The Government may say that the Defence of India Act is not framed by them. But tnis reason is baseless. As Mr.Bashyam said they should realise when they should use such powers. Now they are misusing those powers. I do not speak more because there are many others to speak. Such condemnation meetings may take place still more. We do not fear for ~~xx~~ them. I express both the things. If they realise this and correct themselves it is better. If not, we are prepared to meet the consequences. Now Mr.T.S. Rajagopaliengar will speak. (Claps).

Mr.T.S.Rajagopaliengar, Advocate and Municipal Councillor Mysore, next spoke thus:-

I am not prepared to speak hot words that are used at the time of Sathyagraha. I only want to speak about the political situation in British India and especially in Mysore. When there is the great war in the world, it is necessary that there should be co-operation and support of every one. There is a doubt in me as to why the Government have brought this situation, when we should hold the condemnation meeting. After the arrest of Mr.Rangaramiah I thought that somehow it may be a stray case and the Government had no intention of their own in it. Because the higher authorities may say: tnat "Law will take its own course." But if we see the arrests of two more persons who are important leaders in the Working Committee, I find that that reason does not stand.

If important leaders have to be arrested after the arrest of one person, the Government will have a 'responsibility' We cannot say that the matter would be settled in court according the rules. It is true that speech has been delivered. By taking a few words of the speech if the Government arrest a person it is not sound. They must take the opinion of the speaker into consideration. The Government have to consider the same from some other aspect also. The persons arrested at present are Congress leaders who are responsible for the Congress plicy. Let us consider the policy of the Indian Congress in British India and the policy of the Mysore Congress in Mysore also. If the policy of the Indian Congress with regard to war is in consonance with the policy of the British Government, the authorities should view the present act in a different light. The present condition in British India is not what it was before. Formerly there was freedom of speech about the war. Now we have not that freedom. Gandhiji has withdrawn his Sathyagraha and has taken back this freedom. We are telling the British that they should give us freedom which they are enjoying so that we may also join them in the war. We are not telling that we would join Germany and Italy. The policy of the Congress is not to join them. We want to co-operate gladly with Britain and America. If we have to do so, we must have inspiration and enthusiasm. If we have the feeling that we are fighting for the sake of our freedom, then we can join the war in huge numbers. This is the opinion of the Indian National Congress. The opinion of the Mysore Congress is also the same. The main object of the Mysore Congress is to establish Responsible Government. We have stated in the official resolution that we have "suspended the demand for Responsible Government". We want to help them to carry on their war measures. We want to co-operate with the people at a time of emergency. The Mysore Congress is telling that it is prepared to help

help the people at such a time. If we consider all these it can be understood whether Congress is really against war. I have to say that the Government have not considered the matter in the proper manner. If they have not done so, we will have to say that they have failed in their duty. At least let not the Government give room for holding such meetings and release those who have been arrested now, and thereby bring peaceful atmosphere in the country. (Claps).

Mr.B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

We had decided not to hold meetings in Subbarayanakere maidan. But the Government are sending us to this platform to make speeches. We do not want to obstruct the work of the Mysore Government which is only catching the tail of the British Government. It is neither good to the Government nor to the people. They must know that things are changing in the world. There might have been some speeches against the Defence of India Rules. But how should they use the Rules? If they do not use them properly they may give very bad results. We are thinking that we are doing in the interest of the British. Gandhiji says that when the country is in danger we should not put one more stone on it and that we should not make use of the opportunity for our personal benefit. When we have respected his words if the Government do this, it is really a surprise. The responsibility lies with the Government. Whatever the Government may do, the Congress will never leave its path. It will never retreat in the struggle for independence and Responsible Government. In Holenarsipur we passed the resolution to suspend the demand for Responsible Government till a certain period but only fight for our 'civic rights'. Should not the Government consider the situation? Probably the Government may think that we are playing a game. They may think that we assembled some boys in the maidan and

and deliver them speeches and demand the Government to grant us Responsible Government. The Government may say think: "Is this your right?". It is not so. We are not playing with the Government. The revenue we are paying to the Government is not paid by the officers or by the previous Dewan. It is the people who are paying the revenue. When such is the case if they bring this obstruction it denotes that their head has gone wrong. But we should not spoil our head. If we do not realise our object now, we will never be the true sons of Bharathamatha. It is nearly 250 years since the British came to India. We do not know whether we have to still remain for so many years in the same condition. The condition in Malaya is dangerous. In Libya, they themselves are telling, that they are having reverses. But We do not agree with Mussolini or Hitler. But how can we agree with the British? If C.Rajagopalachari and Jawaharlal Nehru ask the British Government for real democracy they do not agree. Nobody can say what will be the result of the war. Even the military officers cannot say. How can ordinary persons like myself say anything about it. If others give their opinion about it, it cannot be valued. We are afraid whether we will have to live in this condition for another 250 years if outsiders come to India. Hence we want to make an agreement with the British and establish a new order in India. Mysore is a small country. But they should know that if there is a fire here it will also spread to other the neighbouring places also. If there is danger in Burma there is the fear that it may spread to Vizagapatam and Calcutta. If leaders are arrested here, will there be peace in the other provinces in India? If they consider this, they will realise that what they are doing is wrong. If they take the co-operation of one and all there will be happiness to the world and to the Government. Then the policy of the Government will be successful I hope they will do so. (Claps).

Mr.M.N.Jois, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

I have been attending this place almost every day whereas

I was very rare to this place before. I did my service to one person the other day. But to-day I am rendering my service to two more persons. No doubt at this time people should be assembled. Not only ourselves but even the Government should collect people. If we see the 'Hindu' of to-day, we see that there is an advertisement for the A.R.P.Instructors on a salary of Rs.50/- p.m. This shows that Instructors want people and people want Instructors. Under such circumstances we should not give scope for such kind of meetings. Since the demand for Responsible Government has been set aside, the spirit of fighting has been lessened in the minds of the people. If the Government are following this procedure on account of this, we cannot say that it is a policy of foresight and wisdom. It is only a few days since the Holenarsipur resolution was passed. But the desire for Responsible Government in the minds of the people has not gone yet. I was going through the old picture magazines to-day in which I saw the photos referring to the last Great War. I saw the condition of London at that time, and compared it with the present state of affairs. The London Government and other Governments in Europe were holding such meetings, were and informing the people about their duties. But they were not telling them that they have arrested such and such a person or broadcasting through Radios that the City Magistrate passed 45 Section and all that. They were telling the people as to how they should protect against the enemy raids, how they should organize themselves to fight the enemy, where they can get food and shetler, where they can get instructions from their leaders, what the leaders are doing for the safety and co-operation of the people and such other things. In public platforms people spoke about these things. I saw such platforms in the pictures. I feel in my mind as to why such platforms should not be erected here and whether this Subbarayanakre Maidan cannot be one such platform.

This depends on the policy of the Government and not without it. The condition to-day is like the condition of England and other European countries in the year 1914. If we know this, we will realise that we should follow the same policy now as was followed then. They must take the co-operation of the leaders of the people and give them their status and respect, and work in unity. We should forget the differences pf party. We must consider that we all belong to the same party and work together. From this point of view, when the Congress is extending her friendly hand, I remember the words of Mr.Srinivasa Sastry. He has said in one of his speeches: "Between the unyielding Government on the one side and the patriots on the other, it is the people that suffer and to them my thoughts go." That sentence I remember to-day. In the conflict between the Congress and the Government, if a third party benefits from it, what injustice we will be doing to the people! With this thought my mind is going to them. (Claps). I cannot speak more about it. I do not want to say. But once again I request the Government to change their policy. Let them examine their hearts. Let them mingle with the leaders and save the people from falling victims to the enemy. I pray God to give them this frame of mind. (Claps).

Mr.T.Mariappa, Advocate and Municipal Councillor, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

My friends have already spoken about the present situation in detail. The present state of affairs show that the Government have already begun their attack on the Congress. You should not think that this is an attack on some individuals alone. The prohibitory order against Mr.Madhava Rao has been extended and meetings are also banned for a further period. One more thing is the passing of 45 Section. It seems that processions were being held without the license of the City Magistrate. In the order they have words which

which mean that even the boys cannot shout 'jaicars' in the streets if they have not obtained license from the Magistrate. They cannot beat 'Jagate'. Had ~~xxx~~ they not the knowledge that processions were taken without the license? Many were taken without the license. While issuing the order they have ~~xxxxx~~ kept only ~~xxxxx~~ the 'garadies' and marriage processions in view and have issued the order. In actual fact, they had the Congress processions in mind. To prohibit them they have passed this order. You may be aware as to what happened in Bangalore when a similar order was passed. You must judge what necessity there was to issue such an order. They have passed this order only after the publication of the Congress President's tour in this District. The order prohibiting the entry of Mr.Siddiah is not existing now. If Mr.Siddiah has to be brought in a procession then we may require the license. According to the present order, ~~xxxx~~ we cannot come here from the Congress Office with flags and ~~xxxxx~~ shouting jais. Even for this we require the license. They are thus showing the intention that they want to attack the civic liberties wherever they get the occasion. We have not stated in our resolution passed at Holenarsipur that we should not fight for our civic liberties. The Congress has not decided that it should sit quiet when the civic liberties are attacked. Even Gandhiji has not said this. The Mysore Congress is following his advice. They have passed the order in such a way that if Mr.Siddiah comes to Mysore he may not be able to take part in the political activities. In Courts we argue in a different manner from here. There we stick to the very letter of the Law. Something cannot be applied to the practical affairs outside. When an interpellation was put in the Council regarding the arrest of Mr.Siddiah, the Government replied that it depended on the local conditions and they cannot interfere with the orders of the local authorities, and they did not know what the conditions were. In actual fact, the Government will have known the information by phone.

But they give a different reason for us. If all the Assembly Members of the Congress Party had gone to jail, they would have issued an order prohibiting the entry of Mr.Siddiah into Mysore permanently. In the present instance, they have been careful enough to exempt the funeral processions from the operation of this order. (Laughter). But in Bangalore, they had done this mistake. After we criticised this, tney have corrected in the present instance. At least we are glad that they have been careful. It is better if they prohibit all public meetings. Then we can safely sit in the jails instead of remaining in this big jail. If the Government is really patriotic they should take the co-operation of every citizen. The time when we should consider that their dress and power will carry weight is gone. At a time of peace, one officer can rule Mysore. But when tnere is a critical condition every Government will require the help of one and all. If we take the A.R.P., in my opinion, Mysore City requires at least 50,000 volunteers. Even 10 or thousand will not suffice. Hence should not the Government earn the goodwill of every one? If they appoint a single person as Warden and fix up a telephone in his house, will it be helpful to the people? The present strategy is different from the past. Though people are prepared to extend their co-operation, they are not making use of it. Is it our misfortune that we are like this? We do not know what the intention of the Government is. It cannot be said whether the local officers have done this by enthusiasm. But they cannot do so because they will have taken the previous sanction of the Government. If not they are also afraid of their position. Hence there is reason to believe that the Government are also responsible for this. If we question this in the Assembly, the Government may say that the authorities have done considering the local situation. They also know, as we know, that wherever there were efforts to put down the people there have been failures. Though they know

this, they want to see to the last. Due to this, they are acting like this. We need not feel sorry for the arrests of Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and Siddalingiah. If we can achieve our object without fight we are glad. If not, let us be prepared for sacrifice. If there is a difficult time, we must save our people in every City, street and house. We must be prepared for every sacrifice. From this point of view, we have to congratulate Messrs.Dasappa and Siddalingiah. We have got to assure them that we are carrying on their work. We have to assure them that we will keep the situation under control and will keep every step after careful consideration. I do not speak anything about their speeches because it will be sub-judice. We have to only consider whether it is expedient to have taken such a sourse at this time. I have placed the fact before you. We have to surely condemn the order of the City Magistrate. We have to urge the Government to withdraw the order and if they do not do it, we will have to take action for the withdrawal. Let them not give room for it/ at this juncture. They put concrete and colour/to the avenue trees in Sayyaji Rao Road. Now they have all gone and only brick-pieces are visible. If there were processions of the 'garadi' or marriage, they used to take out licenses. But the Congress people were not taking out licenses for processions. That is why they have issued this order Mysore City was once being called by some people as the 'Paris of India'. But now the condition of the roads are very bad. Though we brought a resolution in the Municipal Council for the repairs in the month of May, they did not commence the work till now The Municipal Engineer replies with satisfaction that all his estimates have been sanctioned for the full amount. But we are asking them as to what conveniences they have created to the people. For this there is no reply. The only remedy for all these is the establishment of Responsible Government. When we want to extend our co-operation if the Government refuses to take it , the responsibility

of the consequences lies with the Government. I hope they will consider the situation . (Claps).

Mr.T.Narasimhaiengar, Advocate and Municipal Councillor, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

I have been surprised at the arrests of Messrs.H.C. Dasappa and Siddalingiah. There is no reason for regret because they have suffered many imprisonments and are not afraid of them. In a way it is helpful to them. They needed rest after some busy work. After the return from Jail, they can work with more enthusiasm. The present Government always goes in the path of committing blunders though this is a new blunder there is no surprise. We are not expecting any danger from the war. But there is the prospect of it We have no military training. About the A.R.P. we are delivering speeches and the Government are also doing it. In this we have to know 3-4 things. If an aeroplane comes, we must have our own aeroplame squad to drive that plane. If they drop bombs there should be anti-aircraft guns to combat the enemy. Even this, we have not got. They can easily come since there is no obstruction. There is the sea. If they come we do not know how many will have to die. The only thing that is in our hands is that we can carry the dead persons, render first-aid to the injured, and quench fire if there are fires. Even for this we have only one fire engine and not more. Hence we are in a weak position. The Congress has also its plan of action. The Government have adopted this course since they realised that they cannot do as much work as the Congress in this direction. They thought that we are obstacles in their way. We decided to stop sathyagraha. We are discussing with the Dewan about the fundamental rights. If we see these arrests, it is really surprising. The Police Act has also come into force. These things show that the Government are standing on their prestige and think that their work will not shine before us. If we read

read the papers we find support to this statement. It is stated that the Defence Council of India Government has decided that outsiders should not be permitted to start any independent organization except the official A.R.P. This has been reported by the Delhi correspondent of the 'Hindu'. I doubt whether our Government has also the same idea. They are afraid whether Responsible Government will soon be established. Hence they are their mind is disturbed disturbed and are not getting sleep. I say to the Government that their prestige cannot be an obstacle to the establishment of Responsible Government. As Kamsa feared for the birth of Krishna, they should not lose their balance of mind/ by thinking like this. Let them leave their prestige. It is only the Mysore Congress that is the powerful body in the country. Let them release those who have been arrested and follow a different policy. Through you I request the Government to do likewise. (Claps).

Mr.B.Narayanaswamy, read the following resolution:-

This meeting protests the action of the Government in arresting Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah, ex-Presidents of the Mysore Congress and leaders of the people, at a time of grave international situation and accordingly condemns the same.

The resolution was passed unanimously. Then the meeting terminated with cries of jais at 8-20 P.M. The speeches were not very much impressive.

Sd. M.S.Sitaramiah,
Stenographer, District Police
Office, Mysore, 6-2-42.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.

SECRET.

S.B.140/41-42.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Mysore.

At the public meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore Congress Progressive Party in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, at 7 P.M. on 4-2-1942 to condemn the arrests of Messrs.H.C.Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah under the Defence of India Rules, Messrs.K.S.Kumaran of Bangalore (Externee) and M.N.Jois of Mysore delivered speeches (Vide report No. S.B.140/41-42 dated 5-2-1942).

As the speech delivered by Mr.K.S.Kumaran is highly objectionable clearly falling within the ambit of "prejudicial act" as defined in Rule 34(6)(e) and (k) of the Defence of India Rules, a case under Rule 38(1) (a) and (5) of the Defence of India Rules framed under section 2 of the Defence of India Act (XXVI of 39) as applied to Mysore was registered by the Police Inspector, B Division, Mysore City, on 6-2-42 (Lakshmipuram Station Crime No.51/41-42)

The accused K.S.Kumaran having been arrested this day at 12 Noon was produced before the City Magistrate, Mysore, together with the charge sheet (C.C.No.474/41-42).

The accused represented to the Magistrate that he may be released on bail.

The Magistrate posted the case to 9-2-42 for orders regarding the release of the accused on bail and to 17-2-1942 for hearing. The accused was remanded to Mysore Jail till 9-2-42.

Later on Advocate Mr.T.S.Rajagopaliengar appeared before the Magistrate on behalf of the accused and represented that the accused may be released on bail forthwith after taking necessary sureties. The Magistrate informed him that he had already posted the case to 9-2-42 for orders.

Further progress will be duly reported.

Sd. A.Rangaswami Iyengar,

MYSORE,
7-2-42.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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~~Official Memorandum.~~

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Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
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Yours Sincerely,
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District Magistrate,

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